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Arts flair



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Sisters Shavapovas and Yelena Tatiayna (front to back) paint a mural with friend Natasha Tyaglo during the annual Multi-cultural Children's Art Fair held at the Richmond District Neighborhood Center, located on 30th Avenue, in June.

Clement outdoor displays disputed

Permits granted to 7 businesses, 13 more denied

by Paul Kozakiewicz

About 30 Richmond District residents showed up at a hearing in June to protest the issuance of outdoor display permits to business owners on Clement Street that they feel have been unresponsive to community efforts to improve conditions on the street.

George White was the hearing officer assigned to the case for the SF Department of Public Works, which is responsible for the issuance of the display permits.

He ruled that permits would not be granted for any contested applications unless a representative from the business could answer the concerns of those protesting. Since only a couple of representatives of the 20 businesses applying for permits were present, White denied 13 permits that were questioned.

White granted permits to seven businesses with conditions that they pass subsequent inspections and stay in compliance with regulations. The busi-

ness granted permits are: Kowloon Market, 251 Clement St.; Camelia Flower Shop, 301 Clement St.; Green Apple Books, 506 Clement St.; a business at 524 Clement St.; Pinelli's Flowerland, 714 Clement St.; Butler Furniture at 814 Clement St. and Cost Depot at 1014 Clement St.

Those businesses denied permits can appeal to the SF Board of Permit Appeals or can reapply for a new permit, White said.

But many Richmond residents want stricter enforcement of laws governing the display of merchandise outdoors.

"These businesses don't care about the rest of the community," Paul Wong, proprietor of Scientific Cleaners on Clement Street, told Williams. "We want strict enforcement to get them to comply."

Many of the complaints were directed at the owners of the Clement Produce Company at 645 Clement St. Located at the corner of Eighth Avenue, the store's outdoor displays narrow the

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Bilingual education programs threatened

Scramble to enforce state law causes concern for parents

by Jamie McGoldrick

In an effort to be in compliance with State Bilingual Education Program regulations, the San Francisco Unified School District has begun to implement "necessary improvements," as Ligaya Avenida, director of the San Francisco Bilingual Department says, "in all of the City's schools and at all grade levels."

"The three major reasons that the school district is being cited for being out of compliance," Avenida said, "are because: one, the bilingual instructional programs do not meet state stan-

dards; two, many of the bilingual teachers in the district do not have proper certification; and thirdly, adequate materials for bilingual teaching are not readily available."

The state is threatening to cut funding for the bilingual program, (\$6-\$7 million), if requirements are not met immediately.

Pressure on the school district, and a sense of urgency for reform, has caused confusion among school administrators, teachers and parents, who are wary of potential negative effects caused by the proposed changes.

"This premise is unbelievably

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Police nab suspects in phony roof-repair scam

by Barbara Austen

San Francisco police have arrested a family of "scam" artists allegedly responsible for using an unlicensed business to commit residential and commercial burglaries.

Residents in the Richmond and Sunset districts, and others throughout the City, have become victims to roofing and car repair scams perpetuated by the family, according to police officers investigating the case.

In June police arrested a father, David Stevens, and two sons, Sony, and a 13-year-old, for allegedly defrauding both business proprietors and residents. They have been operating under the name of S & D Roofing and soliciting business door to door.

The family was booked for residential burglary, commercial burglary and financial elder abuse.

Sony Stevens is still in jail. David Stevens has posted bail and the 13-year-old has been released from the San Francisco Youth Guidance Center.

A grand jury investigation in the case is currently taking place and is expected to end the first week of July.

According to Sergeant Phil Tummarello, head of the San Francisco Police Department's Financial Crimes Task Force, the Stevens' allegedly look for seniors and wear them down with a persistent hard-sell for roofing repairs. "They know how to manipulate," Tummarello said.

When victims agree to the repairs, the work is unsatisfactorily performed and will not pass inspection. Tummarello said that the Stevens use a roof sealant that usually does not last through

the first rain. "When the work is investigated, it is absolutely useless," said the sergeant.

The repairs can cost anywhere from \$800 to over \$7,000. Tummarello estimated that the

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Geary Blvd. to close for Archbishop's canonization

Geary Boulevard in the Outer Richmond District will be closed at the Holy Virgin Cathedral for eight hours on Friday, July 1 and seven hours on Saturday, July 2, for the "canonization service for the glorification of Archbishop John of Shanghai and San Francisco."

Because overflow crowds are expected for the religious ceremony, a screen televising the proceedings will be set-up outside the church for those not able to get inside.

The east and westbound lanes of the boulevard will be closed between 26th and 27th avenues, where the cathedral is located, on Friday from 3 to 11 p.m. and on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parking will also be banned along both sides of Geary Boulevard and on the west side of the 400 block of 26th Avenue, the east side of the 400 block of 27th Avenue and the south side of the 2500 block of Clement Street from Friday, 1 p.m. to Saturday at 2 p.m.

According to Jill Connolly, of the Richmond District Police Station, security will be tight.

"Everyone will be helping with this one," she said.

Park service says it has plan to police the Presidio

by Natacha Yarbrough

Residents of the Richmond District met Tuesday night, June 22, at the monthly Community/Police Forum to hear plans to police the Presidio Army Post when it becomes a national park in a couple of months.

About 50 people, mostly elderly, also met to discuss their concerns, which ranged from people illegally feeding pigeons, illegal 7-11 Lottery signs, illegally parked vehicles and enforcement of the recently passed ATM law with regards to the banks along Geary Boulevard.

But the main topic of discussion for the evening was "Policing the Presidio."

Major Hugh Irwin, a 23-year national park police officer, led the discussion. Irwin, who held

previous assignments in New York, Washington, D.C. and Arkansas, will be responsible for law enforcement at the Presidio Army Post.

This issue, which has been one of the main concerns of residents in the surrounding area since the closure was announced, will now be the main focus for Irwin, who plans to move onto the post within the next two months.

Irwin assured residents that the national park service will do as much as the Presidio Military Police did to secure the park when it takes over Oct. 1.

"I know that we have the force on the ground to do the exact same job that the military police have been doing in the Presidio," he said.

"The national park police have been authorized to patrol

City streets, whereas the military police couldn't do this," he added.

Statistically, the US Park Police will provide more security than the Presidio Military Police. There are now 68 Army patrol officers and investigators at the Presidio, as compared to the 81 that will be in-place when the park service takes over.

Part of the national park service's \$22 million budget will be used for a new communications system costing \$3 million to \$5 million. Furthermore, the park police will provide three primary, 24-hour patrol beats, 365 days a year.

There will also be a mounted horse beat seven days a week, 10 hours a day, and an undercover, plain-clothes police officer from the narcotics division and two, 16-hour ranger beats in the new budget.

Between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. there will be a minimum of six people on patrol, Irwin said, and daylight hours will have 12 to 15 people on patrol. There will also be sobriety checkpoints and a reduction in the current speed limits on the Presidio post.

Irwin added, "We will have additional 24-hour beats cover the Marin Headlands, Aquatic Park, Fort Mason, Crissy Fields, Ocean Beach, Sutro Park and Lands End.

"We believe that we have put together, within the existing constraints for staffing and budget, the best police law enforcement security operation we can on the Presidio," Irwin said.

San Francisco police Lt. Hugh Parra, who lead an open discussion of community concerns, gave helpful hints to residents to prevent them from becoming victims of crime.

"Be careful who you let into your home to use the bathroom and to get a drink of water," he cautioned. He warned residents about phony contractors who try

to gain access into homes to burglarize them. "Always ask to see their license, business card and reference," he said of potential hires.

Parra also described the recent wave of car stripping that has hit the Richmond District.

"Abandoned cars, missing seats, fenders, bumpers. These people operate what we call a chop shop. They'll come in. They'll look for a specific car that they have to steal parts from. They'll steal that specific car, take it to some location and dismantle it."

He attributed this to "Asian gangs that we feel are responsible." He also urged residents to come forward and not be embarrassed if they were victimized.

Moreover, he discussed an ongoing anti-auto burglary campaign in Golden Gate Park because of an increase in thefts last summer. "As a result," he said, "we are putting plainclothes undercover police officers in Golden Gate Park."

Parra said: "Most victims are uneducated. They don't know that it's not a good idea to leave your purse or radio on the front seat or in a backpack. All the suspect has between himself and something possibly valuable is a little piece of glass."

He informed residents about

the overall decrease in crime in the Richmond District. "Crime analysis of the crime rate in this District has taken a drastic decrease compared to the year before," he said. Giving statistics to support the claim, he added, "There is a 44 percent decrease over last year this past May, and we expect a 71 percent decrease in all the 10 major crime categories (for the month of June)."

The group was also updated by Paul von Beroldingen, a member of the Clement Street Clean-up Committee.

On June 3, a delegation from the clean-up committee and other Richmond District residents went to City Hall to attend the Department of Public Works first hearing of permits for licensure to display items on sidewalks.

Beroldingen urged residents to "take pictures and document the date and time of any violation." As a result, some outdoor display business licenses were denied.

"There is no way a business can argue when there is a photo of their violation, whether it be a health code or blocking a sidewalk or handicapped zone," he said.

Individuals with concerns regarding the new national park can call Irwin's office at 556-5801.

Outdoor display permits

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sidewalk between the store and a bus shelter near the curb. The bottleneck that results from shoppers and pedestrians forces many residents to walk in the street, residents testified, creating a potentially dangerous situation. The Clement Produce Store's permit was denied.

The department of public works set up the hearing as part of new procedures incorporated into City law when Supervisor Barbara Kaufmann sponsored legislation regulating outdoor displays.

Impetus for the legislation came from angry Richmond residents who showed up 400-strong at a community meeting to discuss issues concerning Clement Street, including problems caused by a proliferation of pro-

duce stores.

Problems cited included an increase in trash on the street, including foodstuffs, trucks double-parking to unload merchandise, often causing traffic jams and hazards to pedestrians trying to pass through sidewalks crowded with browsing shoppers.

The Clean Up Clement Committee was formed late 1993 to tackle some of problems associated with the street. The committee was later incorporated into the Planning Association for the Richmond, the largest neighborhood group in the District.

Paul von Beroldingen is a member of PAR and a founding member of the Clean Up Clement Committee.

"We have protested because we want the neighborhood to improve," he told White at the hearing.

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UC opens new primary care clinic

About 100 people a week treated at Lakeshore Plaza

by Lulu Weinzier

After having lunch at Pizza Hut and working up a sweat at Jenny Craig, consumers concerned about their health can "park-and-doc" at the new University of California, San Francisco Medical Group Lakeshore.

Tucked between retail shops and fast-food outlets at the Lakeshore Plaza on Sloat Boulevard, the clinic — operated by the university as a satellite of its Parnassus Heights campus — has been providing primary health care services since May via its five resident physicians and three nurses.

The spacious, airy facility is a far cry from a sterile hospital environment. Current magazines are available in the plant-filled reception area. Its 19 squeaky-clean exam rooms have gleaming wood floors and freshly painted walls.

Staff physician Albert Yu said residents of the Richmond, Sunset and neighboring districts are underserved by health care providers.

Patients coming to the clinic will find "an accessible, patient-friendly environment and primary care and (medical) expertise that is part of UCSF," Yu said.

The clinic focuses on providing care for acute medical problems, problems that require immediate attention but are not life threatening, Yu said.

Although the clinic is just getting off the ground, about 100 patients are being treated weekly, according to administrator Carolyn Buretta.

In August, the facility will expand its services to offer dermatology, Buretta said. By Sept. 1, the clinic hopes to add pediatrics, radiology and behavioral medicine.

Buretta said the new services will make health care even more



Photo: Philip Uborio Gangi

Medical Director Dr. Thomas McAfee examines a patient at the UCSF Medical Clinic at the Lakeshore Plaza.

convenient for patients by centralizing services.

"There's an advantage to having behavioral therapists and physicians working as a team ... the communication would benefit patients," she said. "They don't have to find their way to a new office. If they need to get counseling, they can come to a familiar place."

While many of the patients have followed their doctors from the Parnassus campus to the Lakeshore clinic, Buretta said the clinic wants to draw in new patients.

So far, patients have said they like the location and "patient-friendly" nature of the clinic.

"It's my second time coming here," said Sunset District resident Jeanne Norris. "(It is) not as rushed as some other clinics, like UCSF down on Parnassus. You get seen a lot more quickly here."

"It's convenient to work (clinic appointments) into my work and school schedule," Norris added. "The clinic has same-day appointments if needed and

evening appointments."

"I used to go to UC (Parnassus campus) but came here to avoid the hills and the wear and tear on my car," said Mission District resident Reina Sagliff. "Parking is favorable here."

The practice is at 1569 Sloat Blvd., Suite 333, in the Lakeshore Plaza shopping center near 34th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard. It is accessible by Muni's 28, 28L and 17 lines.

Patient appointments are available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Monday and Wednesday evenings until 7:30 p.m. The phone number is 476-9339.

Yu agrees that the "park-and-doc" location will make it appealing for community members to come in for treatment.

"There's a tremendous amount of parking in a setting that neighborhood residents go to for other services," Yu said. "People can utilize multiple services in one setting, at one time. In that sense it's very attractive. (I'm) like a doc in the box."

New look proposed for rec. center



A proposed change in the design of the Richmond Community Recreation Center planned for 18th Avenue will allow residents and consumers to park in its parking area when the center is closed.

Originally parking was planned to be inside the recreation center site in several scenarios, which would not allow for parking when the center is closed, but the change has been proposed to allow residents and shoppers near the center the ability to park in an increased number of spaces along 18th and 19th

avenues. The change, which would allow for diagonal parking in the area in front of the center, located between California and Clement streets, was proposed by Marquis Associates, the architectural firm designing the multi-use center.

Movement of the parking lot will also allow for a "landscaped buffer" between the center and the street and will supposedly increase safety for residents using the site because traffic will not have to cross a sidewalk to park.

A public meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 6

at 7 p.m. to discuss the plan. The meeting will be held in the community meeting room of the Richmond District police station located at 461 Sixth Ave.

Construction on the approximately \$5.5 million project is slated to begin this fall. The City's Open Space Program, operated under the auspices of the SF Recreation and Park Department, is paying the tab.

For more information about the recreation center or the proposed plan changes call Tim Lillyquist, of the Open Space Program, at 666-7080.

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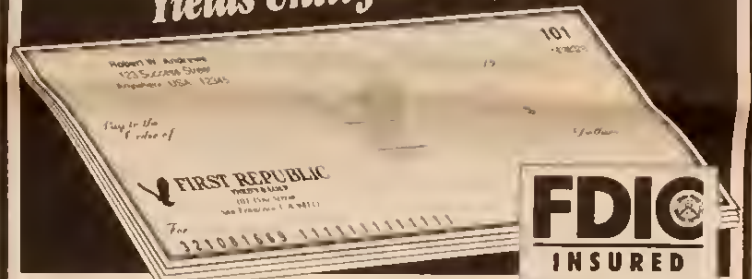


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GGNRA's O'Neill guiding Presidio's change to park

by Meg Dixit

"We have one great gem in San Francisco," says Brian O'Neill, superintendent of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

He was referring to the "Golden Gate International Biosphere Reserve," which is what the Presidio Army Post has been designated by the United Nations. It is the only biosphere in the world to-date that exists within a major metropolitan city.

O'Neill made the statement at the monthly meeting of the San Francisco Council District Merchants Association, at the Northern Police Station in the Fillmore District, in June while discussing issues concerning the Presidio's transition to a national

park when the US Army vacates the post in October.

"The Army and the GGNRA have very different methods of operating," O'Neill said. "So in order to facilitate the transition, we first of all exchanged our differing methods of training so that we can form a better partnership together."

O'Neill said that the Presidio has received strong political support from the executive level through the efforts of US Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.). O'Neill reported that Congress recently allocated \$59.3 million for the Presidio's infrastructure and basic utility systems and \$12.5 million for building renovations.

These funds came out of Department of Defense appropri-

ations. He also mentioned that the Presidio is the only military installation in the country that has a White House Task Force monitoring the transition.

Another major issue surrounding the Presidio's transition is hazardous and toxic waste. According to O'Neill, it is no secret that hazardous and toxic wastes lie beneath the ground of the military post, but the clean-up issue depends on the future uses of the base.

"The Army has promised to clean up, but what lies ahead for the Presidio will be the backbone of the cleaning issue," he said.

The transition of the work force from Army command to Park Service authority is another issue that lies in the center of the continued controversy.

"We are designing our training in such a way that the keys are not just thrown over the wall," O'Neill said. "Employees are slowly being trained by the park service. The command is being turned over slowly. The fire station in the Presidio is now under the auspices of the national park service."

Several audience members raised questions regarding the Presidio Golf Course, an issue that has dominated media coverage about the base transition; however, O'Neill declined to dis-

cuss the issue in detail.

"The golf course, along with other emotional and political issues, are being resolved quickly," he assured the merchants and their representatives.

The "bad news" outlined by O'Neill concerned the efforts of Congressman John Duncan (R-Tenn.), who seeks to sell most parts of the Presidio deemed commercially valuable. Duncan led a fight on the floor of the House of Representatives to strip the Presidio of its operating funds at the end of June but his efforts failed by 81 votes. A total of 257 members of the House voted against the proposal and 171 voted to limit funds needed for the conversion of the post.

Two major issues of importance facing the Presidio's transition, according to O'Neill, are how well the national park service will manage the park once it fully takes over and how members of the community will become involved to make decisions concerning the future welfare of the 1,441-acre site.

Although the Sixth Army will keep its headquarters building, most of the buildings will be used by several different tenant organizations. Letterman Army Medical Center may be occupied by the University of California, San Francisco and the Tides

Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports and develops philanthropic, non-profit organizations dealing in social change. Other tenants are yet to be decided.

The Army will keep the post exchange and commissary for about five more years. Any change in these plans will depend on further downsizing of the military.

When asked by concerned members of the merchants association about the possibility of housing the homeless in the Presidio, O'Neill responded that the housing will be saved for organizations and activities that serve the overall program plans of the Presidio.

"Some of the housing will be occupied by the military while others will house police officers and fire fighting units and their families," he said. "We will have a bed and breakfast, conference centers and other accommodations for persons and organizations that have affiliation with Presidio activities and programs."

He also mentioned that the Wherry Housing complex, overlooking Baker Beach, will be demolished, as poor basic construction has made it too expensive to maintain.

"We cannot afford to house anyone in that area," he said.

O'Neill said that minor improvements in the buildings will be needed as well as several other locations. Doyle Drive, for example, needs seismic renovations.

"Our overall goal is to make sure that the Presidio will be an important cultural and educational park that positively adds to the San Francisco Bay Area, and in turn, the whole country," he said. "We do not want it to be just a popular commute route as it is now."

Finally, O'Neill assured concerned audience members that the Presidio's pet cemetery will remain as it is.

"There may be a few minor changes, but the pet cemetery is one part of the Presidio that will remain virtually untouched in the transition," he said.

Richmond Anti-graffiti Squad plans July cleanup

The Richmond Anti Graffiti Squad will tackle urban scrawl in Inner Richmond District graffiti-areas during their monthly cleanup in July.

The targeted areas will include removing graffiti from public signs and private property and wire-brushing telephone poles.

The group, which was created by the Richmond District Democratic Club, consists of members of various community groups from the District. They invite members of the public to join them.

Individuals interested in helping with the campaign should meet at the Arguello Park, located on Seventh Avenue between Geary Boulevard and Anza Street, at 9 a.m. to begin cleaning the inner District.

For more information, call Becky Hogue at 668-7237 or Jim Clarke at 387-8616.

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Crisis clinic opens at new site, move delayed to get permits

by Paul Kozakiewicz

The emergency mental health clinic that serves many residents of western San Francisco has moved to its new location at 888 Turk St. (at Gough Street).

The non-profit Westside Community Mental Health Center operates the clinic, which was previously located near the Mt. Zion Hospital and Medical Center at Sutter and Divisadero streets. The University of California, San Francisco, took over operations of the hospital a couple years ago, and is having a new building constructed on the former site of the clinic.

According to Bea Stephens,

executive director of Westside, the clinic is being operated on the 4,000-square-foot first floor of the site while construction to install a sprinkler system on the second floor of the building. When finished, the upstairs will be used as offices for clinic employees.

"It's been a long, hard struggle," Stephens said. "But we're almost there."

The move to the new site was originally scheduled for May 5, but delays getting necessary permits to prepare the new building as a mental health clinic slowed down the move.

Stephens said there has only been minor interruptions in men-

tal health services in the move to Turk Street. During the transition the clinic was closed from June 17 to 19 and the crisis counseling part of the operation was transferred, along with the clinic's staff, to San Francisco General Hospital from June 17 through the 28.

Budget cutbacks in the past several years has reduced the clinics from 24-hours-a-day to its current 10 hours daily.

Police would also take "5150s," the code for individuals that are a threat to themselves or someone else, to the clinic for emergency psychiatric care but financial deficits now require them to transport the mentally in-



Photo: Philip Liborio Gargi

The non-profit Westside Community Mental Health Center operates the psychiatric crisis clinic at 888 Turk St.

firm cross-town to General Hospital, taking them out of the District for extended periods of time.

The clinic will pay about \$5,000 a month rent for its new site, about what it did at its previous site, Stephens said. A five

year lease has been signed, but the clinic has a five year option to renew it.

The clinic is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, and Stephens hopes to extend the hours to 9 p.m. around the beginning of August.

What effect will higher payroll taxes have on neighborhood businesses?

San Francisco's business taxes are already high.

The City's per capita business taxes are 3.5 times the national average for 16 major cities, according to the Mayor's Fiscal Advisory Committee. A recent Committee On JOBS survey found that San Francisco businesses can cut their tax bills by 9 to 18 percent by relocating to other Northern California cities, such as South San Francisco, Walnut Creek, Oakland, Sacramento and Santa Rosa.

San Francisco can't afford to lose more jobs.

A study commissioned during the Agnos administration estimated that San Francisco loses 2,800 manufacturing and wholesale jobs with every tenth of a percent increase in the payroll/gross receipts tax. We can't afford to lose more high-wage positions. According to the Department of City Planning, between 1991 and 1992, San Francisco lost more than 30,000 jobs.

Excessive taxes levied on one business sector hurt the whole local economy.

The fortunes of small and big business are intertwined because many

neighborhood businesses depend on large employers for contracts. Consider TCB Builders in the South of Market district. TCB does everything from office remodeling to concrete work for San Francisco-based companies, such as Bank of America, Chevron, Pacific Gas & Electric and Pacific Telesis Company.

"The payroll tax is a tax on jobs," says TCB General Manager Tom Barnes. "We have been in business in San Francisco for close to 20 years. We have 20 employees and more than two dozen San Francisco-based vendors. Between 60 and 70 percent of our work comes from local corporations. We can't afford to lose these major employers."

If you agree that it's time for City Hall to make ends meet by cutting costs, not by taxing jobs out of the City, voice your concern. Clip and send in the attached coupon to the Board of Supervisors.

A strong local economy requires more than just big business or small business—it takes all business.

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Address _____

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Yes, I am interested in learning more about ways to solve the City's fiscal crisis, including budget and Charter reform. Please send me more information.

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Every summer it's the same. San Francisco city government scrambles to bridge a multi-million dollar budget gap with new business taxes. In some years, these taxes hit small businesses especially hard, in others they hit big employers. But the effect is the same: businesses are closing or leaving San Francisco, and they're taking jobs with them. And when businesses and jobs leave a neighborhood they trigger a domino effect — economic decline, diminished city services and tumbling property values.

The Tax Spiral

The Mayor and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors have raised business taxes twice during the last two years: a total of \$30 million in 1993 and \$12 million in 1992. Raising the City's already high business taxes won't even begin to solve the City's long-term structural budget problems, but it will cost jobs.

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Green Party members active in battle to shape future of GG Park

by Jonathan Farrell

Members of the Sunset-Richmond neighborhood chapter of the San Francisco Green Party attend many hearings to voice their concerns for Golden Gate Park.

Members of the growing chapter have made Golden Gate Park one of their major concerns, especially since the party considers itself a "grass-roots" organization with the environment playing a part of its "Key Values" platform.

Formed in the United States in the 1980s, from a political movement that was taking shape in Europe, the Green Party gained statewide ballot status in California in January, 1992.

The "Greens," as they are often called, do not see themselves as a regular political party. The

prefer to see themselves as an organization that has as its primary concern, the environment and the dignity of the individual within the diversity of peoples living in American society.

Local neighborhood chapter founder, Doug Johnson said, "That is what we do as an organization - we want to promote unity and concern for the community."

He sees the needs and future vision of the park as important, for as he says, "We want to help in setting the direction of the future of the park. Our main focus right now, with regards to the Master Plan, is the 'circulation element'."

The SF Recreation and Parks Department has been putting together drafts that will outline the future of Golden Gate Park. At a meeting in May members of the group took the opportunity to respond to draft proposals.

The "circulation element," as it is called in the drafts, is a reference to the issues of traffic within the park.

Johnson stated in a recent interview, "We are hoping to influence the officials who are working on the Master Plan, to take into consideration that there are too many cars in the park, and should encourage alternative forms of transportation, such as bicycles or shuttles, instead of cars."

Retired City Traffic Engineer Gordon Chester, who also attended the meeting, reiterated that heavy traffic in the park is a problem. "Each day there are 40,000 cars that go through the Fell Street entrance of the park," he said.

While Chester understands that there is no easy solution to this situation, he does express some reservations with the

drafts.

"The drafts do not present any effective measures in handling traffic, especially the East-West side." Speaking from his almost 20 years of experience, he also said, "There seems to be a short-sightedness about the drafts, with very little long-range vision of planning."

Johnson agrees that there are no easy solutions, but he still hopes that concern for the environment will help bring people together, he said.

"The Coalition for Golden Gate Park and the San Francisco Fine Art Museums are working together to fight for Master Plan initiatives that will be implemented into actual policies," Johnson said.

In addition to the Master Plan, another "pet project" that the



Photo: Erik Markovich

Doug Johnson, founding member of the Sunset-Richmond chapter of the Green Party, leads a meeting of the group.

Green Party is working on regarding the park is the preservation of the native oaks. These trees have been there since before the 1906 earthquake.

Individuals interested in learning more about the local Green Party and their activities and monthly meetings can call the Sunset-Richmond chapter at 255-2940.

Individuals interested in learn-

RICHMOND DISTRICT-JUNE 7 VOTE RESULTS

	Inner		Outer		P. Hgts.		L. Hgts.		Lone Mnt.		Citywide	
Hayden	30%		29%		25%		33%		30%		29%	
Garamendi	15%		22%		15%		15%		17%		19%	
Brown	55%		49%		60%		52%		53%		50%	
Unz	20%		23%		14%		15%		28%		19%	
Wilson	80%		77%		86%		85%		72%		76%	
	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Prop. A School Bonds	78%	22%	73%	27%	66%	34%	65%	35%	69%	31%	68%	32%
Prop. D Police Staffing	52%	48%	55%	45%	49%	51%	52%	48%	56%	44%	53%	47%
Prop. E Library Funding	73%	27%	71%	29%	63%	27%	66%	34%	69%	31%	70%	30%

* Candidates not receiving 5 percent of the vote have not been included.

Tax rebates available for seniors, disabled

An estimated 150,000 elderly and disabled California homeowners and renters are eligible for rebates through the annual

Homeowners and Renters Assistance Program.

To qualify, claimants must be at least 62 years old, or be blind or totally disabled as of December 31, 1993 and have \$13,200 or less in total household income in 1993. Homeowners can receive from four percent to 96 percent of the property tax they paid on the first \$34,000 assessed value of their home. Renters can receive assistance ranging from \$10 to \$240.

The filing season began in May and runs through August

31. Claimants who have filed in the past two years are advised to wait until they receive their labeled forms before filing. Forms have been mailed since mid-May. Rebates will not be mailed until after the 1994/5 state budget is passed.

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Summer solstice celebration



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Mountain Lake Park hosts Making Waves 1994

The hip-hop group EnVus (above) performed at Mountain Lake Park June 21 in an international celebration entitled Making Waves 1994. The event, one of 30 citywide sponsored by the SF Art Commission, was held on the summer solstice. Lake Street residents Beth and Dave Boydell (right) took the opportunity on the longest day-light day of the year to propose a toast.



Planning Commission delays vote on controversial housing policy

The San Francisco Planning Commission took new public testimony June 23 on the City's proposed residential remodeling and demolition control ordinance, and voted to postpone action again on the controversial legislation.

At issue is the degree to which homeowners can legally build, remodel and demolish their structures while preserving the character of the neighborhood in which they live and minimize the impact on neighbors.

The Residential Conservation Controls (RCC), first proposed three years ago to replace the 1988 Neighborhood Conservation Interim Controls, has quickly become the proposal "everyone loves to hate" in neighborhood housing preservationist circles.

Housing activists say the document allows homeowners and contractors too much freedom to demolish sound housing and replace it with oversized, cumbersome structures, as high as 32 feet in single family housing zones.

"For their part, architects and builders also strongly object to the document, saying its design regulations were too restrictive for growing families and larger non-traditional households who need larger common areas and more parking.

In response to these objections, the SF City Planning Department on March 24 released a new proposed draft summary, called Residential Control Amendments (RCAs), which would amend the existing 1978 Housing Code.

Neighborhood activists have generally praised the RCA's tighter height limit of 28 feet in single family homes, while architects, including the American Institute of Architects, and remodelers have lambasted the RCA's as being too restrictive.

"We are concerned with the height limits and demolition controls," said Eva Huie, chairperson of the Parkside District Improvement Club's Planning Commission Liaison Committee at the June 23 hearing. "We are thankful that we in the neighbor-

hoods are finally being heard."

John Bardis, president of the Inner Sunset Action Committee, strongly objected to what he described as the covert way in which the commission was attempting to introduce and pass the RCAs.

"We are looking forward to seeing formal legislation and hearings," said Bardis. "The public is not aware of the RCAs and there has been no publicity, so this is a non-hearing."

He also objected to what he described as the RCA's loose demolition control protections.

"It will be interesting to see how anyone can or will defend a piece of legislation that allows anyone in the City to demolish sound housing," he said.

The commission unanimously passed a motion to set a new hearing date on the matter for Aug. 4. Hearings are held in Room 282 of City Hall and copies of the proposed legislation are available by contacting the SF Department of City Planning at 450 McAllister St. or by calling 558-6414.

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Burglary/Window Smashed,
June 9, 3100 block of Clement
Street, 4:03 a.m.

The suspect(s) entered the
business by breaking the front
door glass with a brick. Police
responded after the alarm went
off. The store owner was notified
and police found the store's cash
register lying in front of the busi-
ness. No suspects were found.

Petty Theft, June 2, 3600
block of Balboa Street, 6:05
p.m.

The suspect entered the gro-
cery store and obtained a six-
pack of beer, along with other
items. The clerk placed the items
in the bag and the suspect asked
about a particular type of liquor.
When the clerk left the counter
the suspect quickly grabbed the
bag and fled the store to a wait-
ing vehicle. The vehicle drove
off south on 37th Avenue.

Bank Robbery, June 18,
5600 block of Geary
Boulevard, 2:10 p.m.

The suspect entered the bank
and gave the teller a note which
read, "I have a pistol. Make no
sudden moves. Put money on
counter."

The teller complied and re-
moved \$20 bills from the draw-
ers, including the "bait money."
The assistant manager noticed
what was happening and assisted
the teller.

The suspect said, "Hurry up,"
and grabbed the money before
fleeing the bank. Stolen were ap-
proximately \$300 to \$600 in
cash. Police took the note, along
with the film from the surveil-
lance camera, which filmed the
suspect, into custody.

Battery, June 17, Park
Presidio and Geary Boulevard,
2:15 p.m.

A homeless man saw a Volvo
approach him and said to the oc-
cupants, "Do you have any Grey
Poupon?" The three occupants
laughed and one of them said,
"We'll give you some Grey
Poupon."

The three exited the vehicle
and proceeded to punch the man
in the face and neck. The man
was knocked to the ground and
was unconscious for a few min-
utes. The man awoke and called
the police. He was then taken to
a hospital for observation.

Police searched the area but
did not find the suspects.

Armed Robbery, June 9,
25th Avenue and Geary
Boulevard, 3 p.m.

The victim was waiting for a
hus when he was approached by
three suspects. Suspect #1 pulled
out a knife with a three to four
inch blade and said, "Give me
your s . . ."

The victim complied and the
suspect removed eight dollars
from his wallet and threw it on
the ground. Suspect #2 took the

backpack off the victim, opened
it, and grabbed his cassette tape
player.

The three suspects then fled
and boarded a bus. The victim
told the bus driver the three sus-
pects just robbed him. The driver
told the victim to get the stuff
back himself.

The victim did not board the
bus, but called his father, who
then called the police. Police
searched the area to no avail.

Attempted Auto Burglary,
June 18, Golden Gate Park,
4:50 p.m.

Police working on an auto
boosting case were watching the
suspect standing behind a grey
Mazda pick up truck. The sus-
pect removed several items from
the truck and tried to open the
truck's camper shell. The suspect
then placed the items back into
the truck and walked away, with
the plainclothes officer following
him.

The suspect ducked into a
wooded area between Martin
Luther King Drive and Stow
Lake Drive, evading the police.
The suspect returned to the same
truck later, where police found
him.

As one of the plainclothes of-
ficers approached the suspect and
identified himself, the suspect
raised his hands in the air and
said, "You got me."

Police found a knife on the
suspect, and took the blade,
along with the suspect, into cus-
tody.

Suspicious
Occurrence/Possible Human
Body Part Found, June 7, 34th
Avenue and Clement Street,
4:30 p.m.

A man playing golf at Lincoln
Golf Course was looking for his
golf ball when he came upon a
jaw bone lying on the sandy soil.
He noticed there were five teeth
on the jaw bone, and took it back
home. The man notified the po-
lice, and they transported it to the
medical examiner's office.

Defrauding an
Innkeeper/Malicious Mischief,
June 23, 4100 block of Geary
Boulevard, 1 a.m.

The suspect dined at a pizza
restaurant and when he finished
eating he requested the bill and
asked for a doggie-bag for the re-
maining food. While the employ-
ee was doing this, the suspect
went to the bathroom.

The employee then heard a
loud "hang" and saw the rear
door had been kicked open, dam-
aging the lock. The suspect left
the restaurant without paying the
bill.

The police were called and
they failed to locate the suspect.

Grand Theft from Auto,
June 3, 800 block of Clement
Street, 1 p.m.

The victim left the bank after

withdrawing \$1,500 in cash and
was driving when she noticed her
car "vibrating." She pulled over
and got out to check, leaving the
driver's door open.

Two suspects approached her
and said her rear right tire was
flat. While the victim was talking
to the two suspects, a third sus-
pect approached, reached into
her vehicle and made off with
her purse.

She was alerted to this action
when her five-year-old son, who
was inside the car, started crying.
Police were called and they
searched for the suspect with no
success.

Burglary, June 6, 400 block
of 20th Avenue, 9:30 a.m.-6:30
p.m.

The suspect(s) entered the
victim's home by placing a lad-
der outside her window and en-
tering through an unlocked win-
dow. When the victim came
home she noticed her stuff all
over the place and just started
cleaning up without thinking
about fingerprints. She told the
police this was the second time
her home had been burglarized.

Burglary, April 27-June 8,
6800 block of California Street

The victims, who were on va-
cation in Europe between late
April and early June, noticed
their home had been burglarized
while they were away. The sus-
pect(s) placed a ladder from the
roof and lowered it to the bath-
room window, where they gained
entry.

The suspect(s) exited through
the back door because the chain
lock had been removed and the
bolt lock was not secured.
Missing were a bank card, check
books and trust fund pay stubs.

The victims were informed by
their bank that \$3,000 worth of
credit was charged while they
were away.

Attempted Burglary, June
8-9, 2400 block of Clement
Street

The victim discovered his
restaurant had been broken into
when he opened the door of his
establishment. The latch to the
door was damaged. Police did
not find any evidence or sus-
pect(s).

Strongarm
Robbery/Battery, June 6, Stow
Lake Drive and Golden Gate
Park, 3:30 p.m.

The victim reported to police
that he had been robbed and
beaten, and that the suspects fled.
On June 12 police spotted two
men, and the police, with reason-
able cause, followed them. They
caught up with them in a home-
less encampment, where police
took Polaroid pictures of the
men.

The pictures of the two men
were shown to the victim, and he
identified them as his attackers.

Richmond District Crime Statistics

Crime Description	January	February	March	April	May*	June*	6 month Totals
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	3	1	3	0	0	2	9
Robbery	40	38	47	29	29	13	196
Aggravated Assault	17	10	13	11	12	2	65
Burglary	100	42	48	60	43	16	309
Auto Boosting	70	79	102	74	86	38	449
Other Larceny	74	77	76	82	60	33	402
Other (Assorted Misdemeanors)	77	60	79	58	62	35	371
Totals	381	307	368	314	292	139	1801

*Recent statistics are incomplete and will increase as crimes are logged in the computer.

Books for Sutro



Courtesy Photo

Sutro Elementary School students will have more books to peruse this fall, with the arrival the first week of June of \$2,300 in books their school purchased for their library through the fund-raising efforts of the broker Sutro & Co., Inc. Sutro & Company employees and management each raised \$1,150, and Sutro Elementary chose and ordered the books.

Sutro & Co., Inc., established in 1858, is the oldest, full-service brokerage house in the West and has its headquarters in San Francisco. The firm has "adopted" the elementary school. Sutro & Company employees offers Sutro Elementary volunteer and financial advisory services year-round, and 15 of its employees volunteer at the school on a weekly basis.

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Parents may treat their children to exciting excursions, fun arts and crafts, sports, and outdoor skills and environmental education by enrolling them in the Richmond District YMCA's Summer Day Camp.

"This camp is an experience children will never forget and will want to come back to," said David Kröll, Youth and Community Programs Director for the Richmond YMCA.

Day trips are planned to the San Francisco Zoo, Pt. Reyes, Fort Point, the Marin Headlands, the Russian River, Marine World-Africa USA, the Bay Area Discovery Museum and SF Giants.

There will also be trips to various beaches, parks, lakes and rivers.

Parents should bring their children to the Richmond District YMCA at 360 18th Ave. (at

Geary), or one of its alternative sites, Lafayette After School Site (4545 Anza St.) and Star of the Sea After School Site (345 Eighth Ave.).

The children will then receive transportation to Robb Hill, the base site above Baker Beach in the Presidio of San Francisco.

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Bravas and bouquets on the stage to 15-year-old Marisa Chang and twins Aaron and Seth Orza, who have been awarded scholarships from the San Francisco Ballet School. Marisa, a 10th grader at Raoul Wallenberg High School, has attended the SF Ballet School for eight years. The award, named for Natalie Lauterstein Miller, a dancer with the SF Opera Ballet, was given in recognition of Chang and the Orza's exceptional dance abilities.

Two other District dancers, Amanda Walker and Alexi Zubiria, both of whom are with the SF Ballet, have received grants from the ballet's Artists' Reserve Fund to assist them in pursuing their bachelors degrees. Alexi will be attending the University of San Francisco and Amanda will be heading east to enroll at Bryn Mawr College.

Nicolette Ausschnitt is one of 16 artists chosen from 275 applicants for participation in the California Women Artists Juried Exhibition, which runs July 5 through 30, at the SF Women Artists Gallery, 370 Hayes St. (552-7392). There will be a reception open to the public from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 7.

The Community Music Center (221-4515) is taking registration for summer classes on Friday, July 1, 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the

Richmond District Neighborhood Center, 741 30th Ave. Director Carrie Weick reports that piano is the most popular offering, although class offerings bassoon, drums, flute, violin and voice, as well as a range of Chinese instruments.

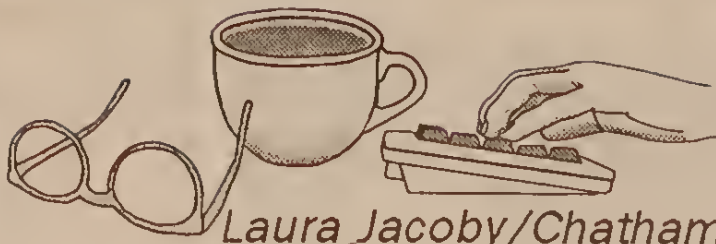
The Richmond District is home to many renters and one of them, Linda Henneman, is putting 20 years of experience to use in her newsletter, "The Frugal Tribune," dedicated to helping urban renters get the most bang for their buck.

The premier issue covered ways to save on rent, haircuts and dining out, as well as offering a cook 'em yourself tortilla chip tip. Future issues will cover saving money on clothes, theater-going and travel. Subscriptions are \$12 for 12 issues; send a check with your name and address to Irrepressible Press, P.O. Box 590978, SF, 94159-0978.

There's always free information available from the SF Public Library's telephone reference line, and the line, officially known as the Telephone Information Program, has now been expanded (thanks to a generous private donation) to offer

longer hours, additional lines and bilingual staff. To get your question answered, call 557-4400, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (soon to be 9 p.m.). Spanish- and Cantonese-language help is available, and the library will soon be adding a translation service offering information in 144 languages.

I believe it was Ogden Nash who wrote "The trouble with a kitten is that, eventually, it becomes a cat," and if you're a person who prefers kittens to cats, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has a deal for you. As part of their pledge to save every healthy underage kitten born in SF, the SPCA is looking for foster parents to take kittens home to care for and play with until they are eight weeks old and eligible for adoption. Of course, if you fall in love with your little foster kitty, I suspect that the SPCA would be quite happy for you to adopt it on a



Laura Jacoby/Chatham

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too. The Irwin Memorial Blood Centers (567-6400, ext. 456) are facing a potential blood shortage this summer, and they're looking for donors. To make donating more interesting, the centers are sponsoring the first "Spike for Life"

Volleyball Tournament to be held on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Participating teams are asked to pay an admission fee of 10 blood donations contributed between now and Aug. 31.

Donations can be made by friends and family on behalf of each eight-member team, and there will be souvenirs and prizes for participants.

The Shanti Project is launching a special recruiting program in the City's Latino community for volunteers willing to make a six-month commitment to donate three to six hours per week assisting Latino men, women and children living with HIV. You can sign up by calling Irma Castro at 864-CARE (2273). There will be a two-day training program, held Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31, after which volunteers will be ready to assist clients with shopping, cooking, child care, transportation and peer counseling.

Volunteers are needed for a glaucoma study at the University of California, San Francisco. According to study leader Michael V. Drake, MD and professor of ophthalmology, likely suspects for glaucoma are those with diabetes, high blood pressure, nearsightedness, a family history of glaucoma or African ancestry. If you're between 40 and 80 years old, call Drake or study coordinator Peggy Yamada at 476-3711 to make an appointment for a free screening.

Summer's here, but school

goes on year 'round, which means that the SF School Volunteers (274-0250) are always on the lookout for people willing to give at least one hour a week to helping students in the elementary, middle- and high-school levels. You can assist a teacher in the classroom, help out in the library or spend your day on the playground - whatever your talents are, the school volunteers will put them to use at a school near your home or office.

David Kroll is making his summer plans - and then some. David, who has been director of the Youth in Community



Courtesy Photo

Nicolette Ausschnitt will display her artworks at an exhibition in July.

Programs at the 18th Avenue YMCA for the last five years, is taking three or four months off to relax and travel - he does have a place in Hawaii - before deciding what to do next. Although he won't be coming back to the Richmond Y, he does plan on returning to the City, perhaps to another Y location.

"I've been enriched by the experience of working with the diverse cross-section of San Francisco's population that's represented in the District," says David, who also belongs to the SF Optimists Club and Neighborhoods in Transition, A Multicultural Partnership. "It's been an incredible education."

Christopher Castle will be joining visiting Russian professor Dr. Olga Luchakova in Big Sur at the Esalen Institute from Friday, July 29 through Sunday, July 31, where they will present "Forgotten Treasures of Western Spirituality: Christian Yoga and the Mystical Icon." Christopher, who is an iconographer as well as being a music composer, will explore icon painting as a means of spiritual awakening. If a

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Star of the Sea celebrates 100th

by Mick Ostermann

The Star Of The Sea Church, located at 4420 Geary Blvd., is turning 100 years old this year. And, as if you couldn't tell by the huge banner hanging from the front of the church, parishioners are very proud of it.

The central event of the centennial will be the Mass on Sunday, Sept. 11, which will be celebrated by the Archbishop and priests with roots in the Star Of The Sea community.

"We are all very excited about our centennial mass. We are inviting 3,000 alumni and we hope to reach many of them for our celebration," said Monsignor Cornelius J. Burns, pastor of Star Of The Sea.

There will also be a dinner dance on the evening of Sept. 10 at the Kensington Park Hotel, located at 450 Post St.

The church supports the Star of the Sea Elementary School, which teaches boy and girls from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Some of the services provided by the church include after school care and extended day care for youth, Cub and Boy Scouts programs, alcoholic anonymous meetings and a bereavement support group.

Started in April 1887, the Star Of The Sea Church began as a mission of Holy Cross Parish. The church got its name because it is near the water and sailors look toward the north star to guide them.

The first church was built to hold a capacity of 500 people, even though there were only about 40 Catholic families living in the Richmond District at the time, according to Monsignor John Rogers, pastor of St. Patrick's on Mission Street.

One unique thing about the church is that in 100 years it has had only five Pastors. Father John Coyle was the first. He was pastor from 1894 to 1908 when he passed away.

Father Philip O'Ryan was appointed upon Father Coyle's death. He was Pastor until his death in 1920. He died after a three month bout with influenza that developed into pneumonia. Like Father Coyle, he died at 51.

The third Pastor was Monsignor Patrick L. Ryan, who



Photo: Philip Liborio Gangi

Monsignor Cornelius Burns of the Star of the Sea Church.

was pastor for 36 years. He was known for his attention to space and building.

He reconstructed the current church in 1922, built a new rectory in 1924, along with a new high school. He built a new larger grade school in 1931, a new convent in 1937. In 1949 a new kindergarten was built, and in 1951 the new parish center was opened.

When Monsignor Ryan was almost 79, he asked Archbishop Mitty for an administrator to help him with the parish. The archbishop selected Father Walter T. Fleming, who would become the church's fourth pastor.

Monsignor Fleming died in December of 1975 and the fifth and current pastor Monsignor Burns was appointed.

There are masses performed daily at the church, including a Chinese mass on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. and a Czech mass, which is celebrated on a Sunday about four times a year.

For more information about the Star of the Sea Church or its programs call 751-0450.

Self Help offers diverse services for seniors

Self-Help for the Elderly offers an ongoing social service information and referral program for seniors, particularly Cantonese-speaking as well as Mandarin-, Shanghainese-, and Toishanese-speaking seniors, who have questions regarding senior benefits, health issues, housing, elder abuse and other concerns.

Seniors can call for assistance at the main San Francisco office as well as five satellite senior centers throughout the Bay Area, including the Richmond Senior Center at 741 30th Ave.

Quick drop-in appointments are available on a first-come, first-serve basis Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon on the second floor of Self-Help for the Elderly's main office at 407 Sansome St.

Those who need counseling, translation services, help in filling out applications or other special services can make arrangements for longer afternoon appointments. Social service information, referral and counseling are offered at the five satellite centers on a regular basis. All services are covered by an annual \$25 membership fee.

Social service program supervisor Becky Mar said, "Counseling and education in western cultures are the greatest

benefits for the monolingual or limited-English-speaking client because language and cultural barriers prevent many seniors from adjusting to life in the United States."

Service has improved since the social services area has moved from the basement level to the second floor a building at 407 Sansome St.

Self-Help for the Elderly is a multi-service social service agency that serves over 25,000 Bay Area seniors each year in the areas of nutrition, licensed home health care, residential board and care, senior employment training and placement, education, in-home emergency services, Alzheimer's day care and social services referral and information.

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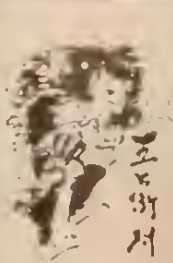
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Bilingual education plan questioned

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complicated," said San Francisco Parent-Teacher Association President Helen Huey. "We are very concerned about informing the parents on what their real choices are."

Among other shortfalls in the City's bilingual program, according to the state, are that there are too few Limited-English Proficient (LEP) students who speak a common language in each school to form a bilingual class.

The shortfalls, and their remedies, are outlined in a SFUSD report entitled "Plan to Improve Bilingual Programs."

Other shortfalls include a lack of proficiency and "philosophical differences" among teachers and administrators, and a lack of support for the programs among many immigrant families, who prefer their children learn English-only, the report says.

A 1974 Federal Court ruling, (Lau v. Nichols, San Francisco), mandates that the school district provide, "high quality bilingual education programs for all LEP students", by offering instruction in their primary language while also teaching them English as a second language.

The theory is that the student would gain the same academic content as a non-LEP student, but not lose precious time in the child's learning agenda. Parents with LEP children are counseled to place their children in the bilingual programs.

However, some parents of both English-only students and Limited-English-Proficiency students fear that changing the bilingual programs might deprive their children of a higher-quality education, rather than providing an enriching learning experience.

"I have not yet been assured that my English-only speaking

son will not lose any of his primary language, English, if I enroll him in the bilingual class here at Argonne," stated one parent, who requested anonymity. (Argonne has available a Cantonese bilingual program.)

While research has proven that this approach to bilingual education has worked with Spanish-English and French-English programs, some staff and parents have concerns and questions about the application of research to other bilingual/bicultural groups like Cantonese-English or Russian-English programs, which some schools in the Richmond and Sunset districts are slated to receive.

Avenida however, said that she could assure all staff and parents that, "the data has been very clear in terms of the amount of achievement with this mode of bilingual instruction for all foreign languages."

According to the District's Bilingual Department, elementary school bilingual classes would be designed with LEP students receiving 80 percent of their daily instruction in their primary language and the other 20 percent would be focused on their learning English.

Consequently, English-only speaking students would have the option of voluntarily entering the same class to take advantage of being enriched with a second language, Avenida contends.

"There is no requirement to have the English-only speaking child learn a foreign language," she said. "He or she is by no means going to be forced into that particular situation."

Concerns over student segregation were expressed in a letter to the board of education President Leland Yee from an Argonne parent, Jane Muramoto Yung.

Echoing the voice of many

parents, Yung feels that classroom separation of English-only students and LEP students may cause what would be future friendships and cultural intermingling to be lost.

"Both groups of children need valuable classroom time together. My son, who has Limited-English Proficient friends, might never have had those acquaintances if they had been separated," Yung said.

"Ideally, we would want a number of English-only speaking children to enter the bilingual classes. However, if that is not the case," Avenida said. "We believe that the playground, the gym classes, and arts and music classes will provide adequate interaction between all students where English can be obtained colloquially."

Concerns range from having properly certified teachers for the upcoming Fall semester, to the problem of clustering the right children in the right classes. This clustering may eventually mean that children will have to change from one school to another where their primary language is taught. Many parents still have questions that in their opinion have not yet received clear and consistent answers.

"I wish that every parent would go visit the classes in the school, talk to the teachers, and find out what that class is doing," advised PTA President Luey.

While there is no formal deadline for adopting the reforms, school district trustees, April 12, called for Superintendent Rojas to submit a compliance assessment report by Sept. 30.

"Right now we need to clarify, clarify and inform," said Argonne Elementary Principal Rose Barragan. "I don't think anybody is anti-bilingual education, I just think everybody wants the best process."

Police nab family suspected of burglary

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family has allegedly received more than \$35,000 from victims. He expects more victims to come forward.

For one Richmond District senior, who wishes to remain anonymous, the original estimate for his repairs was \$4,100, but before the work was completed, the cost escalated to \$5,800. The roofers were also supposed to repair a chimney, but the victim never saw them again.

As the repairs progressed, the Richmond victim said, "Things got spookier and spookier for me, but there wasn't much I could do." Because the repairs were hurriedly made over a weekend, he was not able to contact the Contractors' State Licensing Board to verify if S & D Roofing had a valid license.

He also worried that the family may have gained access to his home with an intent to commit a robbery when the 13-year-old son asked to use a bathroom. Later the resident found some tape missing. He told the roofers that he would withhold the rest of the payment until the tape was returned. The Stevens' then said they had used some of the tape for repairs and returned it to get the rest of the payment.

The resident was not able to inspect the work done, so the Stevens took Polaroids of the repairs. "The Polaroids were from so far away that I couldn't see anything," the victim said.

A senior Sunset District cou-

ple on 36th Avenue also claim to have been victimized by the Stevens alleged roof-repair scam.

But seniors have not been the only victims.

According to Pak Ling Yip, owner of an auto body repair shop in the Outer Mission District, when the Stevens' approached him to do roofing repairs, they provided both a contractor's license number and certificate of insurance. But when Yip called the state licensing board, they told him the license number was under someone else's name and no number could be located under the name S & D Roofing. When Yip called the insurance company to verify a current policy, the certificate of insurance also proved to be false.

Yip also found the roofing repair work to be unsatisfactory and when he could not reach the Stevens, he filed a police report.

Police officers then spotted the Stevens' on Eighth Avenue in the Richmond District. They were attempting to do body repair on a car.

The officers initiated surveillance based on Yip's report and because they know fraudulent body repair work is a common technique used to gain access to a residence for burglarizing.

According to the car's owner, the Stevens' approached him as he was leaving Cala Foods on Seventh Avenue and offered to repair a dent for \$80. The victim negotiated a fee of \$50 and was followed home by the Stevens.

Officers found the auto body

work unsatisfactory and arrested the Stevens on the spot.

As officers were inspecting the Stevens' truck, they found roofing contracts from throughout the City.

Police contacted one victim listed on the contracts who told them the roofers took 10 minutes to spray sealant on her roof and collected \$800. Inspections were supposed to be made on the roof every 90 days, but she had not seen the roofers since.

According to Tumarello, roofers who commit fraud are usually transient. They saturate an area, then "get out of Dodge."

Because of this, the police consider the Stevens' a "flight risk." According to the Stevens' testimony, the family came to San Francisco after Christmas, 1993, after living in Pittsburgh, Pa. for two years and Boston for four years before that.

For Tumarello, and other members of the Financial Task Force, inspectors Greg Ovanessian and Dan Yawczak, this case is the first for the task force, which was created June 6.

Tumarello has several suggestions for hiring contractors. First, contact the Contractors State License Board to check the prospective roofers' license number before payment is given and the work is completed. Also, always get a second or third opinion on the work that needs to be done. Most legitimate roofers never solicit door to door. Finally, always be suspicious of aggressive selling techniques.

Serving community goal of radio station

KUSF provides diverse programming

by Phil Reser

"This little college station has been influencing the so-called mainstream radio-sound in this town for years."

— Joel Selvin, *SF Chronicle*

Steve Runyon, general manager for the University of San Francisco's KUSF FM radio, has managed the station since it went on the air in April of 1977. Runyon was also instrumental in obtaining the original license and developing the station's facilities.

"One of the nice things about being here from the beginning is that we don't make the same mistakes twice," he said. "Instead we're able to move forward, which has been a tradition for us. Even though the programming continues to evolve and change, a lot of our success can be attributed to being consistent as a station."

According to Runyon, 58 percent of the station's programs have been on the air for over five years and 30 percent for over 10 years. KUSF's longevity and stability is almost unheard of in college radio.

KUSF defines its mission as service to community, service to students, and service to the University. Runyon, who is also Director of Mass Media Studies, takes this mandate seriously and uses it as the guiding foundation

and principle upon which all decisions are made.

"KUSF declares itself to be a non-commercial community service of the University of San Francisco, so it would be inappropriate to beg for funds from the audience we have declared to be serving," Runyon said.

Besides the university sponsorship, the station is underwritten by local businesses, receives funds from rental of its sub-carriers, a local club discount card promotion, and fund-raisers such as the annual KUSF Rock 'n Swaps event.

About two-thirds of the programming is alternative music, and the rest is divided between university programming, such as culture, fine arts, community affairs, and multi-cultural programming. The station's public service program adopts a different community organization each month for on-air support and recognition.

Information and music programs cover culture from Persia, Finland, Italy, Armenia, Haiti, Turkey, Poland, India, Ireland and other countries. "We broadcast in 14 different languages to various ethnic communities in the Bay Area which otherwise wouldn't get any programming," says Runyon who is an advocate of broadening radio service to the diverse and varied San Francisco community.

KUSF also has an award win-



Photo: Eric Hilger

Steve Runyon has been general manager for the University of San Francisco's radio station KUSF since it first went on the air to serve the community in 1977.

ning children's program for three to eight year olds called "Pickleberry Pie" which can be heard on week nights and Saturday mornings.

But it is the music which has played the most important role in KUSF's popularity.

High profile guest DJs and successful graduates have helped KUSF gain national recognition. Former student Peter Sandish, now with Reprise Records, helped the station develop its contemporary music format back in the early 80s when free-form pioneer station KSAN dumped its format for country music.

"About that time, college radio was picking up on this punk-rock phenomenon," says Runyon, "so Peter took that and integrated it into something that was unique and special. We promoted what we thought was good, which turned out to be what could sell records."

The station has received gold records from such diverse groups as the Bangles, the B-52's, Midnight Oil, Cowboy Junkies, Red Hot Chili Peppers and R.E.M., who are now mainstream, but made it through college radio play.

In 1994, KUSF received the

Gavin College Station Of The Year Award, an honor they have received four times.

For a KUSF Program Guide call 386-KUSF.

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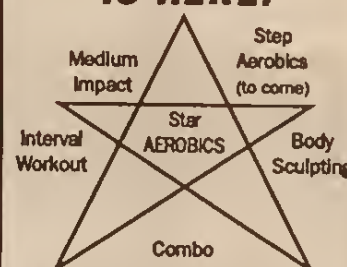
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Seven-year-old Scarlett Camargo tees off at picturesque Lincoln Park Golf Course at its 17th tee. Camargo's father is a golf marshal and a member of Lincoln Park Golf Course's staff, currently headed up by Professional Golf Association-pro Tom McCray. With the addition of several new marshals, the course is ready for an outbreak of golf fever.

On a whim one recent Friday, we decided to have dinner at the Regent Cafe. The decor, pale pink walls and ceiling with turquoise wainscoting and bright pink formica table tops, should not steer you away.

Although the Regent first opened more than six years ago as a discotheque with food, manager Charles Chow explained the Regent ended the dancing and has focused on food for the past two years. Chow also helped us wade through the ultra-long menu, including many specials of the day.

My husband worked hard to pry his daily special — a nice, big grilled lobster (\$12.95) that had been flown from Boston the night before — from its shell. We thought that grilling might just dry out and toughen the crustacean, but it was juicy, moist and tender as can be imagined! Some exotic Chinese spice(s) had been sprinkled on top, making the flavors stand out, and drawn butter was sweetened with a touch of lobster butter and soy sauce.

The meal was accompanied by clam chowder served with two tiny, homemade croissants and steamed asparagus and carrots plus rice. All meals include either Jello or ice cream for dessert and coffee or tea.

Other specials of the day included black pepper steak (spicy, \$8.95), pan-fried salmon steak, \$9.95, and filet of sole with a three-mushroom sauce (\$7.50). All dinner entrees include all of the aforementioned accompaniments and a choice of rice or fries.

I opted to order sizzling chicken from the permanent menu (\$8.95) and was delighted with my choice, which included the soup, mixed vegetables, rice, dessert and iced tea. It was a huge portion of lightly breaded and spiced chicken that indeed sizzled away for quite awhile on its metal platter. I had my choice of black pepper, onion, garlic or mushroom sauce and took the latter, which was a thick, brown gravy with a ton of mushrooms covering the chicken, a good choice. I took half of it home for lunch the next day. Other sizzling platters include pork chop (\$8.50), mixed grill (\$12) or filet mignon (\$15.95).

Appetizers range in price from

Best Bites

The Regent Cafe

Ginny Kolmar

\$4.25 for six pieces of beef or chicken satay to \$6.25 for six escargot with Bordelaise or with cream mushroom sauces. Soups include any style cream soup (\$2.95) or puff lobster bisque (\$4.95). Salads range from \$3.50 for a simple green salad to \$7.50 for either a prawn, roast beef or shrimp and avocado salad or \$10.95 for a lobster salad.

Side dishes include chef's specials, rice or spaghetti plates or curries. You may stop by any time and pick up the miniature menus for breakfast, lunch, dinner or snacks (served from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.) and see why I cannot list all the available dishes.

The breakfast menu is very short, and the most expensive item on it is steak with two fried eggs for \$3.95. Fried egg with ham, bacon or sausage is available for \$1.95 and buttered toast, peanut butter toast or condensed milk toast is just 99¢.

Lunch sandwiches include bacon, lettuce and tomato, tuna fish, ham or Spam and cheese sandwiches (\$3.50) and club or steak sandwiches for \$4.50. There are plenty of hot and cold beverages from which to choose, everything from iced milk, Hong Kong style (\$1.75), Horlick's or

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A family-style restaurant, one in which the staff takes special care to say "Hi" to the children and try to please everyone, all for a most reasonably priced meal, is not an everyday occurrence. The Regent Cafe is one such place, and we should treasure it!

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MH de Young Museum to get gift for All Nations Day

The M.H. de Young Memorial Museum will receive a birthday gift on behalf of San Francisco citizens during the All Nations Day celebration.

The gift is an 80-by-80-inch colorful charcoal work of art by prominent Bay Area Mexican-American artist Enrique Chagoya.

The exhibition will take place on Sunday, July 3, at noon, at the Music Concourse bandshell in Golden Gate Park.

As the M.H. de Young Museum prepares to celebrate its centennial in March of 1995, Viacom Cable and the Bravo Cultural Network wanted to congratulate San Francisco for 100 years of art through a birthday gift

The gift, entitled "Thesis Antithesis" by Chagoya, is being presented to the residents of the City by the groups.

The work typifies Chagoya's large-scale drawings in its strong visual impact and its commentary on the encounter, and clash, of North American and Mexican cultures.

The artwork will be shown during the exhibition, "Enrique Chagoya: Borders of the Spirit," which will be held at the museum from Sept. 14 through Nov. 27.

Admission will be free to the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum on All Nations Day, which is celebrated on Sunday, July 3.

How many times have you heard horror stories about the difficulties and nightmares associated with escrow? Often the print and broadcast media will dramatize these situations because they make good stories.

If the transaction was always smooth and easy, people would not make a big deal of it and there is no story to tell. Escrow problems can be minimized by anticipating what can come up and being prepared for it. An experienced real estate agent can and will warn and advise you on what the issues are and what to do should they come up.

The California Financial Code, Section 17003, defines escrow as follows:

"Escrow means any transaction wherein one person for the purpose of affecting the sale, transfer, encumbering, or leasing of real or personal property to another person, delivers any written instrument, money, evidence of title to real or personal property or any other thing of value to a third person to be held by such third person until the happening of a specified event or the performance of a prescribed condition, when it is then to be delivered by such third person to a grantee, grantor, promisee, promisor, obligee, obligor, bailee, bailor, or any agent or employee of any of the latter."

In essence, escrow is a place where the money is held and where the money and documents exchange hands after all the terms of the contract have been fulfilled.

After the contract is ratified, signifying that the price and all the terms have been agreed upon, an escrow is opened. The initial deposit is sent to the escrow

Avoiding escrow nightmares

John M. Lee

company. In Northern California, the title insurance company also usually acts as the escrow company.

The title insurance company will search the records to insure that the sellers are indeed the owners of the property and to determine who else has claims or interests in the property. They summarize their findings in the Preliminary Title Report.

Before closing the transaction, they make sure that the property taxes are paid, the sellers' mortgage loans are paid off, and that there are no liens or judgements against the property before it is transferred to the new buyers. In effect, they are guaranteeing clear title to the buyers so that they can sell it in the future. If after purchasing the property, the buyers find that there are other claims against the property, they then have a claim against the title insurance company.

In the meantime, the sellers or their agent will need to fulfill their end of the deal by following through on their agreements in the contract.

This often means ordering the Report of Residential Building Record, or 3R Report, obtaining an energy and water conservation inspection and certification that smoke detectors are up and working, termite or roof work has been completed as required, the loan payoff has been ordered and packing has begun in anticipation of the move.

While all this is going on, the buyers or their agent order the inspection reports and apply for the

loan at the same time. When the inspection reports are done, if there are any damages, there is typically a second round of negotiations. After everything has

been agreed to, an increased deposit is usually put into escrow.

At the same time the buyers complete and submit the loan package to the lender, the lender will check the buyers' credit history, employment history and salary, and bank deposits. The lender will also send out an appraiser to give them an estimate of the property's value. If everything is in order and the buyers qualify for the loan, the lender will give a loan approval to the buyers.

Before closing, the buyers will also need to get fire insurance to cover the property after the close of escrow. Once the loan is approved, the lender will send the paperwork to the escrow company for the buyers to sign. At this point in time, there is generally assurance that the transaction will close. The buyers and sellers sign the closing paperwork at the title company.

The escrow company requests funds from the lender, the lender funds the loan, the buyers bring in the balance of the payment and closing costs, the Grant Deed is recorded, and the buyers become owners. Easy and painless, right?

For a typical transaction, escrow will take about 30 to 45 days, with the loan process taking the longest time.

The complexities in escrows lie in the fact that all these things are taking place simultaneously and the real estate agent is the focal point or coordinator of all these activities.

If any one of these items goes wrong or is not done in a timely manner, it can affect the whole transaction, leading to a delayed closing and frustration of all parties involved.

Escrows do not have to be a painful process, if communication between all parties is good, and if the agents can inform buyers and sellers what they can expect if problems arise, and what the typical solutions are.

These steps will go a long way toward resolving escrow problems and the horrifying stories we sometimes hear from buyers and sellers.

John M. Lee graduated from UCLA with a MBA in real estate and finance. He is a top salesperson with Prudential California Realty in San Francisco. If you have any questions, please call him at 776-9500, ext. 267.

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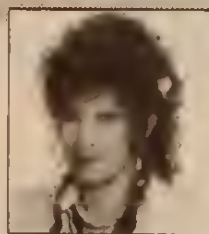
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The seniors will depart San Francisco on Thursday, July 7 and fly to Vancouver to begin their stay in Canada. Upon leaving Vancouver the next day, they will make their trek northeast to the Canadian Rockies, stopping along the way to visit the cities of Kamloops, Jasper, Edmonton, Calgary, Banff and Kelowna.

This tour includes activities such as a snowmobile ride on the

Columbia Icefields, a tour around Lake Louise and a visit to a museum devoted to fossils and dinosaur reconstruction. The group will return to San Francisco on Wednesday, July 13.

The tour package price of \$1,037 includes roundtrip airfare, accommodations, most meals and gratuities. Gold & Silver Travel Club members will receive a special price of \$1,024.

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"I know nothing about my finances and my parents never discussed it with me," said Darlene Parker of San Leandro.

While she was married her husband took care of financial matters and since she has been divorced, she's had to start learning. Now 50 years old, she has just \$11,000 saved in her 401-K plan from her \$28,000 per year job at a paper manufacturer, James River.

"I'm within 12 years or so of wanting to retire and I don't know how to invest," says Parker.

Like many people, the causes for Parker's lack of financial acumen began with her schooling. She didn't have any courses dealing with personal finances and wasn't good at math. "I developed a mental block with regards to numbers. If I had had more exposure in school it might have reduced my anxiety and mental block," she said.

Parker's daughter, Melanie Buerke, 28, also has had trouble planning her finances. "I didn't get financial education at school or at home," she said, adding, "I've lived beyond my means because I got whatever I wanted growing up and spend money now without thinking about it."

In many cases financial education doesn't happen in the home because parents feel money is a taboo subject or because they are themselves financially illiterate. The other hope for teaching about money is through our school system. Surveys of junior high and high school curriculum show just a few percent even offer anything remotely relating to a personal finance class. The closest most schools come is

to offer an economics class. Riordan High School in San Francisco, for example, offers economics as an elective. Such courses at best touch on personal finances

and more typically teach economics theory. "Archaic theory is being taught and it doesn't do anything for the students as far as preparing them for the real world," says Marty Procaccio, dean of academic affairs.

Since economics is an elective and because of all the other required courses to gain entrance to college, few students take it. St. Ignatius High School in San Francisco teaches just one section of economics, and 30 students out of a total class of 380 enroll. "This should be a required course, but practically speaking, because we are a college preparatory school and it's not a university requirement, students have little interest in taking such a class," Thomas Murphy, dean of academic affairs, said.

Most schools haven't considered a personal finance or money class for their students. The few that have considered doing so doubt many students would bite.

At Belmont's Notre Dame High School, Assistant Principal Kathleen Sullivan believes that a personal finance course should be offered to students as an elective. She doubts, however, many students would take it because it wouldn't go towards meeting college requirements.

If high school students are too busy meeting college entrance requirements, there are two possible paths in the school system by which to bypass this problem. One would be for colleges to count personal finance courses, however, this seems unlikely to happen anytime soon. "Like many other colleges, UC does not count such applied or practical course work towards entrance requirements. More selective



The roots of financial illiteracy

Eric Tyson

schools look for courses with a stronger theoretical component," said a University of California Office of the President spokesperson.

Starting Young

Another option would be to start teaching kids sooner. That's what Nancy Donovan is doing at the Neil Cummins School in Corte Madera. As part of her fifth grade math class, she teaches personal finance as a way to illustrate how math can be used in the real world. "Students choose a career, find jobs, and figure out what their taxes and

take home pay-checks will be. They also have to rent apartments and figure out a monthly budget," said Donovan, adding, "students like it and parents have commented

to me on how surprised they are with how much financial knowledge the kids can handle."

Not stopping at teaching kids how much things cost in the real world and the importance of living within their means, Donovan also has her students invest a \$10,000 inheritance in the stock market. The students track their investments in the paper, which helps them practice with fractions.

Teachers like Donovan are rare for a number of reasons. First, most school teachers have their hands full teaching the three R's. Another reason is that

like many other people, teachers may be financially illiterate themselves.

"Many teachers feel awkward and inadequate teaching this subject," said Loren Dunton, Director of the National Center for Financial Education. Another barrier to teaching about money in the earlier school years is that some believe that young kids won't grasp the concepts. But as Dunton says, "Habits form early and if kids are experimenting with drugs and sex by junior high, there's no reason they can't handle learning about personal finances."

Eric Tyson, MBA, is the author of Personc¹ Finance for Dummies (IDG Books) and will next teach an eight-week personal financial management course at the S.F.-campus of U.C. Berkeley extension beginning September 22.

Letters to the editor

Editor:

In the last week of June, California Pacific Medical Center opened its newly consolidated clinical services on the California Campus, 3700 California St. The California Campus now features a Stand-By Emergency Room, an expanded same-day surgery center, the nationally renown Breast Health Center and all of California Pacific Medical Center's newborn and obstetric services.

It is important for your readers to remember to call their primary care physician when a medical problem occurs. Their physician can help them determine the severity of the problem and where to go for treatment. The Emergency Room at the California Campus has 24-hour physician staffing, and patients with unexpected illnesses or in-

juries will continue to be treated at this Emergency Room. However, patients who require an ambulance or critical care back-up, will be automatically routed to the Pacific Campus, at Buchanan and Clay streets. A phone call to one's physician can quickly direct the patient to the appropriate location.

The Outpatient Surgery Center accommodates most short-stay surgery services. As medical technology and patient awareness improves, health care requires shorter hospital stays, and less invasive procedures. Sixty percent of surgeries at California Pacific Medical Center are performed on an outpatient basis and patients who receive care in this enhanced unit will return home on the same day or within 48 hours.

The enlarged and newly designed Women and Infants Center is also located at the California Campus and offers high-level, comprehensive maternal and infant services. This obstetrical unit has been rated the safest place to have a baby in California by the Office of State Health Planning and Development for the past two

years. The Center features a Level III Perinatal Center, new labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum suites, a Level III Newborn Intensive Care Unit and a multitude of supportive services and programs.

All of these changes at California Pacific Medical Center reflect our commitment to providing health care that are responsive to our communities. As the trend in high quality health care moves towards shorter hospital stays and more preventive care, we strive to adapt our Medical Center to meet those needs.

Mary Powell
Vice President
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Editor:

Today I dropped in on a Clement Street live food market to see what I was hoping not to see — live fish, turtles, frogs and clams, along with mutilated fish corpses and rotting duck carcasses in the window. The vile stench and repugnant sight were so overpowering I almost vomited

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Richmond Tepees



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This picture was taken about 1898 near Cabrillo Street and Second Avenue, one of two Camp Merritt sites that were located in the Richmond District. (The other was located near Euclid and Palm avenues in the Laurel Heights neighborhood.) In the background is the cross on top of Lone Mountain. It is unknown what type of event, with the presence of Indian Tepees, is being pictured.

Whenever I attend public meetings to talk about recycling, I'm always pleased by the commitment of San Francisco residents to recycling.

This is demonstrated by the questions people ask and the stories they tell me about how recycling has become an integral part of their lives. At one meeting, one resident told me how her family has built recycling into their daily routine.

"My family and I try to include recycling in everything we do," she said. "We usually start the day by bringing in the morning paper and making breakfast. With our family, that often means we're finishing the last of a box of cereal or pouring what's left of a bottle of orange juice into a glass. We always make sure to take both the empty cereal box and the empty glass bottle to the recycling bin in the pantry, putting the bottle in the bin and the box in the paper bag for paper recyclables sitting next to the bin. And if we use bananas in our cereal, we always put the banana peels in a bucket under the sink. This bucket is emptied into our compost bin once a week.

"After finishing breakfast and the newspaper, I always make sure the newspaper ends up in



Make recycling part of your life

David Assmann

the recycling bag. When I prepare my lunch, I use a reusable lunch bag for my sandwich and aluminum soda can. I always make a mental note to bring the empty can home from work that night so that I can recycle it.

"At work, I am careful to put all my white office paper in the recycling container at my desk. At the end of the day, I empty the recyclable paper from the container into the central recycling bin in the supply room on my way out of the office.

"If I stop at the grocery on the way home, I try to use my canvas shopping bags. If I forget to bring my shopping bags, I'll ask for paper bags. When I get home, after I put away the groceries, I always put the paper bags on the shelf above our recycling bin for future use as paper recycling containers. I usually get home first and sort through the day's mail, and most of the junk mail is dumped directly into the recycling bag.

"Sometimes other things are delivered to my door that remind me of things to recycle. For example, when the new telephone

books for the year are delivered, I'll bring them directly to the table next to the phone in the living room, and I'll deposit the old books immediately into the recycling bag. This usually fills up the bag, and I'll take down one of the paper bags from the shelf above the bin and set it up for more paper.

"Dinner also provides opportunities for recycling. For example, say we have a salad for dinner, using fresh vegetables and a can of corn. The unused trimmings from the salad would be dropped into the compost bucket under the sink. The tin-steel can is taken to the recycling bin after being rinsed.

"After dinner, we usually relax and go through the rest of the daily mail. In addition to junk mail and bills, the mail often includes catalogs and magazines. Usually we finish the remaining junk mail, and go through some of the catalogs and magazines and set aside the other magazines, catalogs and bills for later. The junk mail, along with the catalogs and magazines we've read, end up in the recycling bag.

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An extremely important petition is currently being circulated by San Franciscans for Salary Reform. Sponsored by a broad-based community group and developed by my office in cooperation with Supervisors Barbara Kaufman and Carole Migden, I consider it critical that enough signatures be gathered to put a charter amendment on the November ballot.

This charter amendment will empower the City to regain control of its employee salaries and maintain acceptable levels of city services.

Currently, a chaotic salary setting system involves nearly 40 bargaining units representing the City's 25,000 employees. No two contracts are the same, and employees are not treated equally. Salaries for many are shockingly in excess of comparable jobs in other cities and in the private sector.

Voter approval of this amendment would put the brakes on, put a new system in place, treat all employees equally and fairly,

and hold elected officials responsible for labor agreements.

No longer would politicians be able to say, "Yes, the salaries are too high but, there is nothing I can do. My hands are tied because of our labor contracts and provisions in the City charter."

Every neighborhood in this City deserves such vital services as public safety and public health. The City's out of control employee salary system has placed almost all such services in danger. For example, this year's budget crisis has threatened the very existence of San Francisco General Hospital.

Highlights of the amendment include:

- Freezing all salaries above \$75,000 for two years.

- Freezing all salaries below \$75,000 for one year.

- The mayor and the SF Board of Supervisors can freeze salaries for up to 18 months if, at any time, the Controller certifies that the General Fund will drop 2.5 percent below projected revenues.

- No longer will employee representatives be able to call on outside arbiters with no responsibility to the City to set City employee salaries.

- All existing provisions of the charter having to do with employee compensation will be eliminated, and true collective bargaining will be established.

- When an impasse is reached between the City and labor, the City's last best offer will be implemented unless eight of the 11 supervisors order the City and labor to pursue non-binding mediation and fact finding.

If after that process there is still no agreement, the City's last best offer will be implemented, unless eight of the 11 supervisors vote to accept labor's last best offer.

As your mayor, let me assure you that your signature on the petition currently being circulated will be a major contribution to the financial future of our City.

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A walk with Whitman

Dana Perrigan



The idea, on a bright Sunday morning when the sweetness of spring was in the air and staying indoors was out of the question, was to take a walk in the park.

I stuffed an old paperback copy of Walt Whitman's "Leave of Grass" in the pocket of my windbreaker and left the apartment. A few minutes later I was strolling along a trail through groves of eucalyptus, treading on leaves and bark and soft earth.

The trail opened onto a large meadow. I picked a spot with a good view, sat down on the grass and opened my book.

In good condition when I bought it 25 years ago, the book has seen a lot of duty. I've carried it along with me on trips to the beach, mountains and parks. When I delivered mail in Santa Clara, I lugged it along with me on my route.

Opening its crumbling yellow pages at random, I came across a short poem called "I Sit and Look Out."

Beginning with the opening line, "I sit and look out upon the sorrows of the world, and upon all oppression and shame," Whitman goes on to list some of the world's injustices, including "the mother, misused by her children, dying, neglected, gaunt, desperate . . . the wife misused by her husband . . . the workings of battle, pestilence, tyranny . . . the slights and degradations cast by arrogant persons upon laborers, the poor, and upon negroes . . ."

The poem wraps it up with "All these — all the meanness and agony without end I sitting look out upon, see, hear, and am silent."

Sitting in the meadow, I looked out upon the scene before me.

I saw a family having a picnic under a tree. Kneeling on a blanket, the father distributed food from a basket to his wife and two children. A child's bicycle rested against the trunk of the tree. Another lay on the grass.

I saw a young couple sitting in the middle of the meadow with their arms around one another. Oblivious to the rest of the world, they separated and stared at one another.

One of them said something. The other laughed.

I saw a teenager walking across the meadow with his bicycle on his shoulder. Young and strong and full of dreams for the future, he moved across the open space and disappeared into the trees.

High above the meadow, a pair of gulls — their white bodies distinct against the blue sky — circled. Their outstretched wings shuddered occasionally while turning in the strong wind.

I detected movement out of the corner of my eye. Looking down, I saw a tuft of grass shaking no more than a couple of feet from where I was sitting. The tuft of grass suddenly disappeared.

A moment later, the head of a gopher — his moist muzzle shining in the sun — protruded from a small hole.

With quick, furtive movements, the gopher continued widening the entrance to his home, appearing and disappearing many times, until the job had been done to his satisfaction.

I picked the book up and re-read the poem that Whitman wrote more than 150 years ago. The sorrow and injustice the poet saw in the world is still with us. Sometimes it seems as if there is little else.

But the world is also full of great joy and beauty.

On a bright Sunday morning when the sweetness of spring was in the air, some of it could be seen in the meadow — a family spending a couple of happy hours together under a tree . . . a young couple, oblivious to the rest of the world, with their arms around one another . . . a teenager walking with his bicycle on his shoulder and a pair of gulls, their white bodies distinct against the blue sky, circling in the strong wind.

The truth is, the world is full of joy and beauty. It is also full of sorrow and injustice. Whitman, who wrote about both, knew that. The great poet, who spent the last 20 years of his life as an invalid, also knew that.

To ignore one would be as big a mistake as refusing to acknowledge the other.

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upon entering the store. Live fish were overcrowded in filthy tanks with dying fish. Pitiful frogs, sensing their impending doom, were bunched up together with no food or water for who knows how long.

While one identifies less with clams and their likes, in their own primitive way, they were surely suffering, too. The turtle tank was empty, which was probably just as well as these creatures, utterly at the mercy of humans, are thrown live into boiling vats of water and often eviscerated while still alive.

While humankind does not need meat, be it from beef cattle or a hapless turtle, to survive, and given that, ironically meat causes tremendous human misery and death the world over, nonetheless, those who insist on dining on flesh foods have a moral responsibility to eat humanely raised and slaughtered animals. Many, if not most, live food markets in San Francisco are anything but humane.

A call to the Health Department to resolve overcrowding and filth problems, and another to Animal Care and Control to report cruelty, are well in order. It becomes quite frightening when we as a species put no value whatsoever on other forms of life.

Patricia Briggs

Editor:

The Consumer/Family Member Housing Group of the

San Francisco Mental Health Association is a group comprised solely of mental health consumers and family members which meets monthly to improve the housing situation of all mental health consumers citywide. If you are a consumer of mental health services or a family member who has an interest in special housing and would like to get involved in the consumer rights movement, this group is the place for you.

The Housing Group's first project this year took aim at people's loss of housing, pets, or possessions during a psychiatric hospitalization. The Group has proposed to the Department of Public Health that a team of two consumers be hired to work with psychiatric patients to prevent such losses. Currently members are preparing this proposal for submission to possible funders.

The Housing Group is also advocating for mental health consumers living in substandard housing. In this regard we made presentations to three day treatment centers on illegal housing conditions and what a renter can do about them. We also distribute this information on a pocket-size reference card.

Our next project will focus on overcoming housing barriers for mental health consumers — and we need your input. The Consumer/Family Member Housing Group meets the second Thursday evening of every month at the Mental Health Association, 2398 Pine St. (at Steiner). We are actively seeking

new members. If you'd like to join us, please attend our next meeting and/or call 921-4401 for further information.

Jane Kahan
Housing Project Associate

Editor:

Yesterday I cut my foot on a piece of glass on the beach and nearly had to get stitches. The cut will leave a scar for the rest of my life. Don't smash bottles at the beach or anywhere else!

Ben Hermes

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July Calendar of Events

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Frolicking Fridays: Age-appropriate art, music and movement with Hawley Hussey; for preschoolers and their parents; \$4 per person. Friday, July 1, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Bay Area Discovery Museum, Building 557, East Fort Baker, 289-7266.

Richard Bolingbroke Exhibition: Artwork displays include "Watercolors of Flowers," July 1 through August 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., closed Tuesdays and holidays, Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture, Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Golden Gate Park, Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way, 661-1514.

Music Concert: Dizzy's will host an exciting new band, "Work," which will perform blues, jazz and rock 'n roll with heavy emphasis on improvisation and excitement. Saturday nights at Dizzy's, 5512 Geary Blvd., call 387-4803 for more information.

Meditation Course: This free course will be offered by the Sri Chinmoy Centre with simple and effective concentration techniques. July 2, 9, 16 and 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m., The YMCA on 360 18th Ave. at Geary Boulevard, 664-1327.

Midwinter Fair Celebration: A community celebration of music, food and San Francisco's diverse arts surrounding the rededication of the Bandshell in Golden Gate Park. Sunday, July 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park, 750-S105.

July 4 Picnic: Members of the Richmond Democratic Club, Golden Gate Democratic League and the Sunset Community Democratic Club will celebrate Independence Day with a picnic and barbecue, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at Pine Lake Park near Sigmund Stern Grove, call 931-7896 or 668-7237.

Vintage Trolleys: Old time streetcars will operate on the N-Judah Line from the Transbay Terminal to 30th Avenue and Judah Street; regular Muni fares apply. Monday, July 4, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., call 552-3055 for more information.

Self Validation Workshop: Discover who you are by bringing your spiritual awareness into your everyday life; free. Tuesday, July 5, 7:30 p.m., Psychic Horizons, 2240 Geary Blvd., 346-7906.

Women Artists Exhibition: Four San Francisco women artists will display their work at the California Women Artists Juried Exhibition, from July 5-30. San Francisco Women Artists, 370 Hayes St., call 386-4940 or 552-7392.

Public Meeting: The Strybing Arboretum Society will meet to discuss a new plan to insure vitality of its institution. Wednesday, July 6, 7-9 p.m., Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Golden Gate Park, 661-1317.

Infant/Toddler Lapsit Program: Stories, songs and rhymes for infants, toddlers and accompanying adults. Thursday, July 7, 2:30 p.m., Presidio Reading Center, 3150 Sacramento St., 292-2155.

Summer Crafts: For children ages six and older; Thursdays at 3 p.m., July 7 on Origami Cranes; July 14 on Egyptian



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The California Women Artists Juried Exhibition will feature the works of 16 artists at the SF Woman Artists Gallery, 370 Hayes St. (552-7392), from July 5 through 30.

mummies; July 21 on Mexican Ojos de Dios and July 28 on percussion instruments. Richmond Branch Library, 351 Ninth Ave., 666-7021.

Storytelling: Come hear the tallest tales, legends, monologues, extraordinary real life adventures and side-splitting misadventures; \$8 at the door. Friday, July 8 at 8 p.m., Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. near 24th Avenue, (S10) 471-9335.

Gaelic Games: This athletic event will feature Irish football and hurling. July 8 and 29, 6:30 p.m., at Kezar Stadium at Haight and Stanyan streets; July 10, 17, 24 and 31, at 12:30, 2 and 3 p.m., at Cox Stadium, San Francisco State University, 584-0641.

Graffiti Clean-up: The Richmond Anti-Graffiti Squad (RAGS) will hold its next graffiti clean up; wear old clothes. Saturday, July 9, 9 a.m. Meet at the Seventh Avenue mini-park behind the Richmond District Police Station (between Anza Street and Geary Boulevard), call Jim Clarke at 387-8616.

"Successful Living" Seminar: Geomancy/Feng Shui Education Organization will present a seminar on Feng Shui and health; blessing and protecting your home; buying and selling property; July 9 and 10, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., University of San Francisco, Cowell Hall, Room 114, call 753-6408 or 861-7335.

11-17

Smoking Cessation Class: Former smoker Ed Cawthorne will lead the American Cancer Society's FreshStart stop smoking class beginning July 11. Meetings are on Mondays and Wednesdays for three weeks at the cancer society office at 235 Montgomery St., Suite 320, from 6-8 p.m., call 394-7100 to enroll or for more information.

Pacific Philatelic Society Meeting: This monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, at 7 p.m., at the community room of the Richmond District Police Station, 461 Sixth Ave.

Arts Forum Lecture: Jack L. Lindsey will lecture "Recent Discoveries in Philadelphia Furniture," on Tuesday, July 12, at 8 p.m., M.H. de Young Museum, Golden Gate Park, call 499-0701 or 476-8252.

Master Plan Hearing: Public testimony will be heard before the SF Recreation and Park Commission concerning the Golden Gate Park Master Plan on Wednesday, July 13 at 7 p.m. at the County Fair Building, located at Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park.

Evolution Lecture: Author Peter

Steinhart will lecture, "Is the City a Legitimate Habitat?" Issues to be addressed include how we are changing the processes by which everything in our present world is evolving. Wednesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., The Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, 554-9600.

Music Concert: The New Conservatory Theatre Center will present "The Jesters," acclaimed Jazz-Era cabaret show, "Happy as the Day is Long." Opens July 14 and runs from the 16 through the 31 (except the 15), Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave., call 861-8972 for ticket information.

Tour of the Ruins: Take a walking tour of the Suro Bath ruins, built by Adolph Suro; they were once the recreational hot spot for San Franciscans. Saturday, July 16, 11 a.m.-noon, meet a ranger outside the entrance to Louis Restaurant, 556-8642.

Slide Lecture: Photographer Jim Silva will show travel slides of a winter tour of New Mexico visiting the snow clad Santa Fe, Taos and Taos Pueblo. Saturday, July 16, 2-4 p.m., San Francisco Photo Center, 50 Scott St., 554-9522.

Bedrock Ball: Get ready to rock, rumble and roll with the third annual summertime gala and the sounds of Delta Wires, Eddie and the Boppers and more; tickets are \$65/person,

\$240/clan of four and \$75 at the door. Saturday, July 16, 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m., The California Academy Sciences in Golden Gate Park, 750-7219.

Beach Clean-up: Surfrider Foundation, which is dedicated to the protection of coastal waters, will be cleaning up the beach area; bags and gloves supplied. Sunday, July 17, 10 a.m., meet on the beach at Lawton Street, 665-4155.

Music Concert: Tenor Girard Rhoden will perform works by Donizetti, Rossini, Barber, Richard Strauss, a selection of spirituals and more. Sunday, July 17, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church, 25 Lake St., call 751-1626 for ticket information.

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Self Esteem Workshop: Discover who you are by bringing your spiritual awareness into your everyday life; free. Tuesday, July 19, 7:30 p.m., Psychic Horizons, 2240 Geary Blvd., 346-7906.

Art Exhibition: An exhibition of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture, with posters, photos and costumes of the later 19th century. July 20 through January '95, M.H. de Young Museum, 863-3330.

Sea Kayaking Trip: Join Outdoors Unlimited for a full moon sea kayaking trip on the bay; first time paddlers wel-

come. Participants must know how to swim; July 21 with sign-ups starting July 5; \$50., call 476-2078 for more information.

Soccer Registration: The San Francisco Vikings Soccer League will hold their final registration day for the Fall '94 season on Saturday, July 23; girls and boys ages 5 to 13 are invited to play. Call 753-3152 for more information.

"The Paris Party," A party sponsored by the Junior Arts Council, with food, wine, dancing and docent tours of the exhibition "Impressions of an Era: Paris 1870-1914," tickets are \$25. Saturday, July 23, 6:30 p.m., M.H. de Young Museum, Golden Gate Park, 995-4646.

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"Entitlement" Lecture:

Technocracy is presenting John A. Taube, who will speak on the topic of socio-economic problems. Tuesday, July 26, 7:30 p.m., 3243 Balboa St., 752-8569.

Job Satisfaction Workshop:

Discover who you are by bringing your spiritual awareness into your everyday life; free. Tuesday, July 26, 7:30 p.m., Psychic Horizons, 2240 Geary Blvd., 346-7906.

UCSF Meeting: UCSF/Mount

Zion will hold its monthly community meeting to discuss any issue of concern on Tuesday, July 26, 7 p.m., in the executive board room, second floor, UCSF/Mount Zion, 1600 Divisadero St., Call 476-3206 for more information.

Laynie Tzena Deutsch

Performance: The Founder/Director of "Ideas Made Real" will perform songs and stories on Saturday, July 30, 8-11 p.m., at Polk Street Beans, located at 1733 Polk St., 474-3690.

Dog Behavior Class: Animal behavior specialist Bob Gutierrez leads this informative class to help dog owners understand what causes doggie misbehaviors. Saturday, July 30, 3-5 p.m., San Francisco SPCA, 2500 16th St., call 554-3073 for more information or to register.

Bunny Basics Class: Beth Woolbright of the House Rabbit Society and Marinell Harriman, author of "House Rabbit Handbook," will teach the basics of rabbit care. Sunday, July 31, 1-4 p.m., San Francisco SPCA, 2500 16th St., call 554-3050 for more information or to register.

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LJC column

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weekend at Esalen sounds just right, call the institute at 408-667-3005 for registration information.

As for this columnist, I'm off to a thrilling summer interlude in St. Louis, where there's an all-time heat wave in progress. St.

Louisians will be the first to tell you "it's not the heat, but the humidity," which only proves to me what heat — or humidity — can do to the human brain. But there's going to be a family reunion and it's my Uncle Charlie's 80th birthday, so I'm on my way. Enjoy the summer fog for me until I return!

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Recycling

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the recycling bin during commercials. And on Tuesday nights, before heading for bed, I always check around our apartment for any remaining recyclables, since Wednesday is our recycling day. We usually have something lying around we don't need anymore.

"Last Tuesday, it was an extra

empty cardboard box that had been sitting next to the back door for the past few weeks that I decided may as well be recycled. I folded the box up before placing it in our recycling bag.

"I also put the recycling bin and bags next to the front door, so it will be easy for me to take them out to the curb."

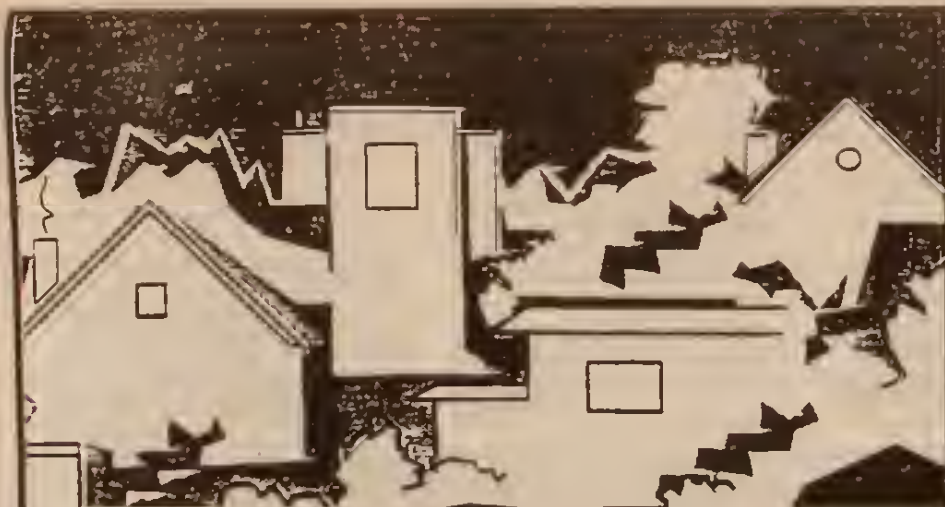
David Assmann is the program director for the SF Recycling Program.

Summer cruise



Photo: Philip Liborio Gang

These people are taking advantage of good weather to paddle around Stow Lake, located in Golden Gate Park. Pictured is the Rustic Bridge, which is one of two bridges crossing the lake (the other is the Roman Bridge) to Strawberry Hill, which is in the middle the lake. Electric, motor or row boats are available for rent from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day except Monday, unless it is a holiday.



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